THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Foodgrains production

337. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the estimated Kharif foodgrains production this year; and the estimated foodgrains production during current Rabi season; and

(b) what success was achieved in respect of the special foodgrains production programmes implemented in selected districts this year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATIVE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The final estimates of production of foodgrains for the year 1988-89 are yet to be received from the States. However, according to the present assessment, the foodgrains production this year is expected to be in the range of 95 to 96 million tonnes for Kharif season and 71.5 to 74.0 million tonnes for Rabi season.

(b) The Special Foodgrains Production Programme has enabled the Government to provide more assistance to the farmers in the selected districts for seed treatment, seed subsidy, soil amelioration, plant protection, weed control etc. Consequently, the production of foodgrains during the year 1988-89 is expected to cross the targetted level of 166.57 million tonnes.

Strike notice by National Sugar Workers' Coordination Committee

338. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the national sugar workers' coordination committee had given notice for day's strike on February 15, 1989;

(b) if so, what were their demands; and

(c) what steps had been taken to avert the strike and to meet their demands?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) to (c) The National Sugar Workers Coordination Committee gave a strike call for a day's strike on 15-2-89 over their demands which related mainly to the payment of minimum wages, DA rate, guaranteed minimum benefit, retention allowance and fringe benefits. The Central Government has circulated the Report of the Sugar Wage Board to the concerned State Governments and Central Ministries to acertain their views, only after which, it can come to any conclusion in the matter.

Export of films

339. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of agreements for purchase of Indian films by foreign distributors were entered into during or following the 12th IFFI; and